## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A laminated zeolite composite, characterized in that it
comprises comprising:
a MFI membrane being constituted by comprising a MFI type zeolite and having
a SiO <sub>2</sub> /Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 40 to 100 <sub>5</sub> ; and
a porous substrate being constituted bycomprising a MFI type zeolite and
having a SiO <sub>2</sub> /Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 20 to 400; and
that wherein the MFI membrane is formed on the porous substrate.

- 2. (Currently Amended) A<u>The</u> laminated zeolite composite according to Claim 1, wherein the MFI membrane has a thickness of 25  $\mu$ m or less.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A<u>The</u> laminated zeolite composite according to Claim 1, wherein the SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of the MFI membrane decreases gradually from a side of the membrane contacting the porous substrate toward other side thereof.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A<u>The</u> laminated zeolite composite according to Claim 1, which is used for separation of butane isomers.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A<u>The</u> laminated zeolite composite according to Claim 1, which is used for separation of propane and propylene.
- 6. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for producing a laminated zeolite composite comprising the steps of:

immersing a porous substrate comprising a MFI type zeolite having a SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 20 to 400 in a silica sol-containing sol having a

SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 40 to 150 and a Na<sub>2</sub>O/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 15 or less for membrane formation; and

\_\_\_\_\_forming a MFI membrane on the porous substrate under heating conditions;

— said method being characterized in that a porous substrate being constituted by a MFI type zeolite and having a SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 20 to 400 is immersed in a sol for membrane formation having a SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 40 to 150 and a Na<sub>2</sub>O/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 15 or less.

- 7. (Withdrawn Currently Amended) A<u>The</u> method for producing a laminated zeolite composite according to Claim 6, wherein athe MFI membrane being constituted bycomprises a MFI type zeolite and having has a SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 40 to 100-is formed.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A<u>The</u> laminated zeolite composite according to Claim 2, wherein the SiO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of the MFI membrane decreases gradually from a side of the membrane contacting the porous substrate toward other side thereof.
- 9. (New) The laminated zeolite composite of Claim 1, wherein said MFI type zeolite of said membrane has a Na<sub>2</sub>O/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (molar ratio) of 15 or less.